

St. Martin Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, November 17, 2021

In Attendance: Father Doke, Council members Larry Lehman, Mariam Kuensting, Anne Rackers, Kathy Jarman, Tom Draper, Julie Erwin, and Kristina McMichael-Schwant, and Deacons Steve Kliethermes, Francis Butel, and Brad Jones

Not in attendance: Council members Jennifer Fife, Joel Schroer, and Joe Pestka.

An Opening Prayer was led by Father Doke.

Minutes from the September 15, 2021 Council meeting were still not available. Minutes from the October 20, 2021 Pastoral Council Meeting were approved.

Changes to the Council bylaws were discussed further. Several areas were identified for rewording. Father Doke offered to assist with the language in many of the suggested areas. An updated draft of the bylaws would be sent out for Council review when ready.

Father Doke needed to appoint about 5 individuals to a parish Stewardship Council. The Stewardship Council would help Father Doke implement the stewardship model at the parish. A couple of the individuals on the Stewardship Council would form a committee to review parish member pledges and identify any members who may have fallen behind in their commitments. The pledge review committee members would have to be discrete and wouldn't necessarily have to approach parishioners, they would only notify Father Doke of possible commitment issues. **Father Doke needed the names of a couple parishioners who might make good Stewardship Committee members and could attend training meetings with him going forward.** Father Doke hadn't yet received the whole stewardship program yet. The parish would be introduced to the stewardship model this next year (2022) through programs during Lent and Advent, and the program would be fully implemented the following year (2023). However, school families would start their commitments within the stewardship model a little early to coincide with the 2021-2022 school year.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Finance Committee: (Father Doke) Father Doke provided meeting participants with a copy of the following reports: Profit and Loss as of October 31, 2021 and Asset Listing as of October 31, 2021. Last month's expenses included an extra pay period, and for this school year, the parish has spent about \$130,000 that has not yet been reimbursed through the Emergency Assistance to Non-Public Schools (EANS) program. The parish has been approved for additional EANS funds but has opted to stop further spending until what's been spent is reimbursed. Year-end giving was anticipated and the parish received a \$200/student gift again this year or about \$45,000. The parish mass count for October this year was about 700. Two years ago, the parish mass count was about 770, so the parish is down about 10 percent after COVID. The Asset Listing report indicated the parish had 753 families registered and 739 families registered who were getting envelopes. The diocese attributed 796 families to St. Martin Parish, which meant the parish was billed for those families' Catholic Missourian. Father Doke would look into resolving the difference between the parish register and the diocese register for the parish.

Social Concerns: (N/A) There was no report.

